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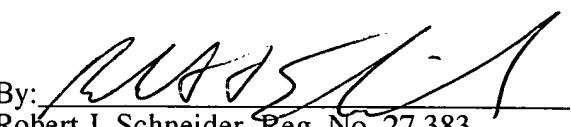
**REMARKS:**

By this Amendment, claims 1-61 currently pending in the international application have been amended in order to remove multiple dependency, and to address typographical errors and antecedent basis issues.

The contents of the priority applications, Canadian App. Ser. No. CA 2434380 filed July 4, 2003, and Canadian App. Ser. No. CA 2445818 filed October 21, 2003, and the pending international application PCT/IB2004/002209 filed July 5, 2004 of which this is the U.S. national phase, are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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